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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 5TH 1909.

THERE has been no public outbreak of grief over the death of the new Peak Tramway Bill; but that is not to say that its demise is not regretted by the public. It is generally recognised that the line would have been a great public convenience, especially the lower half of it but it is around this particular section of the line that the opposition has centered, and the grounds of objection have been (1) the disturbance threatened by the running of the trams to worshippers in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and (2) the vandalism involved by carrying the line in a deep cutting across the western corner of the new gardens. Of four routes suggested for this particular section in Glenelg, opposition was offered to every one but the scheme which included tunneling under the Public Gardens, and of this scheme, the CHAIRMAN of the Peak Tramway Co. at the last annual meeting of shareholders said the engineer's estimate for this scheme was "enormous," and put its further consideration out of the question. When the Peak Tramway Company a few years ago acquired the rights in the entire scheme for a sum of \$25,000 from Mr. FINDLAY SMITH, the original promoter, they arranged for an increase of capital by half a million dollars, by the issue of 50,000 new shares, on which they made a first call of one dollar per share. We have frequently heard it suggested that there never has been any serious intention to proceed with the construction of the line, but we think the fact that the company provided for an increase of capital by half a million dollars

and has spent considerable sums on surveys, &c., is fairly good evidence of intention. That intention was not improbably strengthened by reasons connected with the growing traffic on the existing line. Evidently, what has determined the fate of the project, is the estimated cost of construction. The increase of capital provided for by the Company, we understand, represents only about half the estimated cost of the new line according to the plan which involves a tunnel under the Public Gardens. Whereas the existing line was constructed twenty-one years ago with a capital of \$125,000, the new line, it is said, would need a capital of at least a million. If this represents the position, Hongkong is fated not to have another tram line to the Peak, for we cannot see at what point a remunerative line could be more cheaply made than over the route mapped out for the line which is now abandoned. So the Tramway Company in all probability remains secure from competition for many years to come. Not perhaps for ever, for who can tell but what we shall one day be transported to the Peak in airships?

EVERYONE who has closely followed the events of the past two or three years at Canton will cordially endorse the PRINCE ROBERT's commendation of His Excellency CHANG JEN CHUN as a "tactful Viceroy." During his short regime, His Excellency has had to deal with some international difficulties of a delicate character, and that he has been able, on the one hand, to deal with these questions in a manner more or less satisfactory to the foreign Powers concerned, and on the other hand has been able to keep the notoriously turbulent elements of the Two Kwang well under control, proves that he lacks neither tact, wisdom nor firmness as an administrator. Before Viceroy CHANG came to Canton we were constantly hearing of "risings" in various parts of the Two Kwang, and of engagements with the Imperial troops, but during the past two years and a half there has been almost an entire absence of such disturbances, despite the mischievous activities of the Self-Government Association which came into existence a couple of years ago. Viceroy CHANG's transfer to Nanking is, we believe, much regretted in Canton, as it certainly is in Hongkong. His Excellency's relations with the Government of Hongkong have always been of a markedly friendly character, and his recent contribution of two lakhs of dollars to the University Fund, coupled with a promise of further support, amply demonstrates the sincerity of the friendship and the progressive nature of his ideas. We trust these amicable relations will be maintained by his successor H.E. YUAN SHU-HSUN, who is promoted from the post of Governor of Shantung. His Excellency the new Viceroy is a native of Hunan and his sympathies are said to be anti-foreign. But we remember that similar reports were circulated of Viceroy CHANG before His Excellency came south, and we now know how false they were. Observing how highly Viceroy CHANG's services at Canton have been appreciated by his Imperial master, we may well believe that H.E. YUAN is regarded in Peking as a man no less wanting in tact than he is in ability, and His Excellency's record in the public service sufficiently suggests that he is likely to prove a worthy successor of H.E. Viceroy CHANG.

The boom in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares continues. The quotation for local shares went up on Saturday to \$1.025, while the London rate, as reported in a Daily Press telegram on Saturday has advanced to 297.

The Hongkong Government is now advertising for tenders for the opium monopoly under the new conditions which come into force next March.

Mr. W. S. Bailey has been appointed a surveyor of boilers of unlicensed steamships under 60 tons burden, during the absence on leave of Mr. E. O. Murphy.

Acting under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has directed that the title of "Inspector of Schools" shall be abolished, and that it shall be replaced by that of "Director of Education."

His Honour the Chief Justice has appointed Mr. J. H. Kemp a commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Court, and a commissioner for taking acknowledgements by married women of deeds to be executed by them, so long as he shall hold the office of Registrar.

The Gazette confirms the appointment of Mr. F. A. Hazland as First Police Magistrate, and of Mr. J. R. Wood as Second Police Magistrate, of Mr. J. H. Kemp to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court and Registrar of Companies, of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe to act as Head of the Sanitary Department, and of Mr. R. O. Hutchison to act as Assistant Registrar-General.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. S. Swart as Vice-Counsel for Sweden at Hongkong.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board a letter will be read from the Government relative to the appointment of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe to be Head of the Sanitary Board. Another letter from the Government, mentioned in the Agenda, relates to the question of opening a cemetery for Buddhists.

Revised regulations for the matriculation examination of the University of London, published in the current Gazette, show that in addition to the languages already in the calendar, students have the option of passing in Burmese, Gaelic (Irish, Scottish or Welsh), Hindustani, Persian, Russian, Tamil or Urdu. The new regulation comes into force, so far as the Colonies are concerned, in January next.

An order made by the Governor-in-Council varies the schedule of the Licensing Ordinance, 1897, by substituting in place of the Colonial Secretary and the Registrar-General, the Captain Superintendent of Police as the officer in whose discretion shall lie the granting of auctioneer, public billiard table, skittle-ground, nine-pin, bowling alley and hawkers licences. The discretion of granting Chinese undertaker licences shall in future lie in the head of the Sanitary Department, instead of in the Registrar-General.

A Mining Lane correspondent of an Indian contemporary says: "A curious fact in regard to the position of tea generally is that while India, Ceylon and Java have now to grow their crops under a gold standard, and are doing well, poor old China with still a silver currency is unable to keep pace with them—the while they have to work with a sixteen penny rupee, she still works on the basis of a shilling one—and in spite of that cannot hold her own. It is not altogether because her tea is inferior, and it cannot be because it costs less to make, the only other alternative is that a gold basis restricts production while a silver one encourages an annual surplus."

EUROPEAN'S SUPPOSED SUICIDE.
FOUND SHOT IN THE SHANGHAI HOTEL.

After five o'clock on Saturday a Chinese employee from the Kwong Tung Restaurant, otherwise known as the Shanghai Hotel, called at the West Point Police Station and informed the police that a European who had called there during the afternoon had shot himself with a revolver. Sergeant Wilson immediately proceeded to the Hotel, and on being ushered into a private room saw a man seated at a small table, his head resting on his elbows. Beside him was lying a five-chambered revolver containing four cartridges, two of which had been fired, and there was a bullet wound in the man's right temple from which a stream of blood had trickled on to the table, and then on to the floor. Deceased went to the restaurant at about two o'clock in the afternoon, and remained in the room in which he was found, partaking of refreshment, until the shots which alarmed the inmates of the hotel were heard.

From papers found on his person it appears that the deceased was a German named Otto Boge, and it is stated that he was a clerk in the Norddeutscher Lloyd. Early on the afternoon of the tragedy he went to Schmidt's arms shop in Beaconsfield Arcade, and said he wanted to buy a revolver. The Chinese boy who was in attendance refused to sell him one, and then he told the boy that he had left one at the shop for repairs, and wished to take it away. On being shown a number of revolvers he selected one, paid \$1.05 which was owing on it, bought a box of cartridges, and departed, leaving his name with the boy.

Subsequently the police were informed that a man named Otto Boge had called at the arms shop and departed with a revolver which did not belong to him, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Then the body was found at West Point as stated, and certain notes in German found in deceased's pockets, it is believed, will explain the reason for his rash act. Financial difficulties are supposed to have been the trouble.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AT CLUB LUSITANO.

The Amateur Dramatic Club of the Portuguese cruiser Vasco da Gama gave a performance at the Club Lusitano on Saturday night on behalf of the sufferers by the recent earthquake at Ribatijo in Portugal. The spacious hall of Luis de Camoes was decorated for the occasion by the brews of the Portuguese cruisers in the harbour, and despite the heat there was a good attendance. The programme proved very acceptable, and encoures were numerous. Lieut Ferreira is to be congratulated on having trained the capable performers who made such an agreeable impression on the auditors. The Orchestra Philharmonic contributed to the pleasure of the evening, and the entertainment was concluded by the playing of the Portuguese National Anthem and the British National Anthem.

ROBBERY AT KOWLOON.

Mrs. E. F. James, of No. 4, Kimberley Villas, Kowloon, was robbed of \$910 sometime between Thursday morning and Friday evening last week. The money, which was in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes, was removed from a drawer in the dressing table of her bedroom, and the houseboy, who went on leave and did not return, is being sought to see if he can throw any light on the matter. The boy was granted a few hours' leave and after his departure the broken drawer was discovered minus the money which had been locked therein.

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— Sharp	61
J. B. MacLaren	17
— Rhodes	12
G. H. Hirst	4
A. A. Lilley, not out	4
— Barnes	1
— Brearley	6
Extras	22

Total..... 182

Mr. G. L. Jessop was absent.

C. G. Macartney's bowling analysis for the day showed 5 wickets for 30 runs.

AUSTRALIA—2ND INNINGS.

S. E. Gregory	0
— Macalister	5
V. F. Ransford	24
W. W. Armstrong	45
M. A. Noble	31
V. Trumper	2
W. Bardsley	2
C. G. Macartney, not out	7
A. Cotter	19
H. Carter, not out	22
Extras	18

Total for 8 wickets 175

LONDON, July 3rd.

In dull weather, which afterwards became brighter, and before a large gathering of spectators, the Third Test Match was continued, the Australian Team continuing their 2nd innings.

Scores:—

AUSTRALIA—2ND INNINGS.

C. G. Macartney	18
H. Carter	30
F. Laver, not out	13

Total..... 207

ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS.

C. B. Fry	7
J. T. Tyldesley	7
J. B. Hobbs	30
— Sharp	11
J. B. MacLaren	1
— Rhodes	16
A. A. Lilley	2
G. H. Hirst	0
— Brearley, not out	4
— Barnes	1
Extras	8

Total..... 87

Mr. G. L. Jessop was absent.

The bowling analysis gives Cotter 5 wickets for 38 runs, and Macartney 4 wickets for 27 runs.

INNINGS TOTALS.

Australia... 1st Innings	188
... 2nd ..	207
England ... 1st ..	182
... 2nd ..	87
Totals.....	395 269

THE SUGAR SCANDAL IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, July 4th.

Judgment has been given in the case in which several directors of the Rai Nippon Sugar Co., are charged with bribery and other offences.

One of the persons accused has been acquitted, and twenty-three have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from ten down to three months, with hard labour, and in addition fined sums varying from twenty thousand to four hundred yen, the equivalents of the amounts received as bribes.

The convicts have been given their liberty pending the hearing of their appeal to a high court.

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TRAGEDY.

FURTHER OUTRAGES PREDICTED.

LONDON, July 3rd.

The Hindu assassin, Wala Lal, of Dhinagri, has been charged at the Police Court with the murder of Lieut.-Col. Sir Curzon-Wylie and Dr. Cawas Lalcaea of Shanghai and was remanded for a week.

He appeared quite callous and shook his head when asked whether he had anything to say, although he explained that he did not wilfully murder Dr. Lalcaea. He saw Dr. Lalcaea advance towards him and he fired in self-defence.

LATER.

The assassination is the greatest sensation since the Phoenix Park murders.

An intimate friend of the assassin, describing his life story in the "Daily Chronicle," says that prior to the commission of the crime, Wala Lal spent two hours in Westbourne Grove talking to extremists who plied him with "bhag" (an Indian drug) and crammed weapons into his pockets.

The writer is satisfied that it was a deliberate plot and warns the public that unless the police adopt stringent measures there will be further outrages.

FIFTY NAVVIES ENTOMBED.

LONDON, July 3rd.

A trench in connection with the huge dock which is being constructed at Newport, Monmouthshire, has collapsed, entombing fifty navvies.

It is feared that thirty have perished.

INCOME TAX FOR THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, July 3rd.

The Washington Senate has adopted by 45 votes to 31 the proposal to tax the net income of corporations.

PANIC IN THE COTTON MARKET.

UNEXPECTED DEFICIENCY.

LONDON, July 3rd.

A panic has been created on the New York cotton market as the result of the publication of the Government estimate showing an unexpected deficiency in the crop due to wet weather in some districts and to drought in others. It is expected that the yield will not exceed 12,000,000 bales.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

The American community in Hongkong did not allow the "glorious fourth of July" to pass without due celebration. On Saturday the American firms were at home to callers and quite a number attended in honour of the historic occasion. A special dinner was given at the Kowloon Hotel, on Sunday night, when the Mahatma Band played a selection which included popular American airs, and when a memento in the form of a silk handkerchief on which were printed the menu and band programme was presented to each lady present. Yesterday the British ship *Tean* had a complimentary display of flags, but only one American vessel, the *Cambridge*, was dressed in honour of the day.

THE SWAN SONG.

A recent case in the English Courts of a young woman being bitten by a ferocious dog is the occasion of a learned article on "Responsibility for the Keeping of Animals," by Mr. Thomas Beven, of the English Bar, in the new *Harvard Law Review*. The legal discussion is interesting, but not perhaps so interesting as a passage cited from Coke, which "has always seemed," to the writer, "too quaint not to be brought to light on every relevant occasion." It runs: "For the cock swan is an emblem or representation of an affectionate and true husband to his wife above all other fowls; for the cock swan holdeth himself to one female only, and for this cause nature hath conferred on him a gift beyond all others; that is, to die so joyfully that he sings sweetly when he dies, etc." "A very dubious compliment to the female!" says Mr. Beven.

ESCAPE FROM VICTORIA JAIL.

NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL AT LARGE.

Notwithstanding the bolts and bars and vigilant warders a Chinese prisoner with an unenviable record succeeded in escaping from Victoria Jail on Saturday night or during yesterday morning. From the few ascertainable particulars it appears that the prisoner simply vanished, and that his strange disappearance has baffled all the officials within the walls of the prison. The theory which is considered most probable is that he succeeded in scaling the prison wall which borders on the Old Bailey, but to escape in this manner he must have had assistance, either from without or within, for the wall is between fifteen and twenty feet high, and is crowned with glass. But however he succeeded in breaking from prison, it still seems strange that he should be so long at large, for he departed with a suit bearing the conspicuous broad arrow, and unless this was promptly changed, his recapture must have soon followed.

The prisoner who made this daring escape has served several sentences, including a few terms for returning from banishment. He is, apparently, an exceptionally smart man and a criminal who will stop at nothing in gaining his ends. On a previous occasion, when arrested, he contrived to elude the police by slipping a false queue which he was wearing, and again, when confined in a cell at the West Point Police Station, he endeavoured to gain his freedom by scraping with a piece of wire the cement which bound the bricks of the wall, and then removing the bricks. On that occasion, however, he was not successful.

As soon as the prison officials learned of the escape the police were informed, wires passed from Headquarters to all outlying stations, and detectives were at once sent out in pursuit. So far as we could learn last night, however, the prisoner was not recaptured.

PROMENADE CONCERT AT KOWLOON.

The conditions were ideal for the promenade concert held at Kowloon on Saturday night. There was not the slightest suggestion of rain, the air was pleasantly cool, the star under foot was soft and springy, and the moon had "raised her lamp on high," revealing the King's Park and its environs in a magic light and imparting a beauty even where little existed. The promoters of the concert, however, did not rely entirely on Dame Nature for fine effects. The pavilion of the Kowloon Cricket Club was outlined in electric lights and the entrance to the ground was brilliantly illuminated, the letters "K. C. C." forming the chief feature of the scheme of illumination, while an avenue of Chinese lanterns added materially to the beauty of the aspect. The programme, too, arranged for the occasion, was of considerable merit, so that the atmospheric conditions being favourable, it was not to be wondered that there should be an exceptionally large attendance of the public.

The band of the Rajputs under Bandmaster Coke had the honour of opening the programme. Verdi's great work "Il Trovatore" received a very fine interpretation and praise was lavishly bestowed at the close. Another ambitious effort was the overture "William Tell," which was greatly enjoyed, as well as the barn dances "Cock's Honeymoon (Coke and Coke)." That such excellent results should be obtained from a native band is highly creditable to Mr. Coke and to the sons of Ind who follow his baton. Miss Park's sweet clear voice was heard to advantage in "Kashmiri Song" and "Love's Garden," both very fine efforts, while Mrs. Bellies, who proved to be in excellent voice, gave her usually cultured rendering when she sang "A Chain of Roses." The inevitable encore was demanded, to which she responded. Mrs. Kow was unfortunately unable to appear owing to indisposition in the dusk "A Night in Venice," but Mr. Richard White joined Mr. Ayris in the duet "The moon hath raised." Mr. White should prove an acquisition to Hongkong entertainment, as he is the possessor of a fine robust voice of considerable compass. The partnership proved very acceptable. It created a desire to hear Mr. White again, which was gratified when he rendered "The Trumpeter," a selection which suited him admirably. He too had to respond to an encore. Mr. E. Gregory supplied the humorous element and delighted the audience with the display of his attainments in getting music out of glasses and bottles and also in playing brass instruments. Mr. Frank Anderson and Professor Gonzales were also absentees, but the entertainment proved long enough for those who had ferried and trams to catch. In conclusion, it may be said that the concert was a decided success. The promoters had made adequate provisions which appealed to the eye, to the ear, and also to the palate.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Rubi* left Manila on the 3rd instant, and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.
The P. & O. str. *Delta* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant at 7.30 a.m., with the onward English Mails, and is due here on the 7th instant at about 3 p.m.
The H. A. Linie str. *Scandia* left Poochov on the 3rd instant a.m., and may be expected here on the 7th instant p.m.
The str. *Yeddo* left Singapore on the 2nd instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 9th instant a.m.

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